

No. 99-1430EA

Before RICHARD S. ARNOLD, BOWMAN, and BEAM, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM.

Albert Bell appeals from the District Court's¹ adverse grant of summary judgment, and the denial of his motions to reopen and for leave to file an amended complaint, in his 42 U.S.C. § 1983 action against various Arkansas State and Arkansas County, Arkansas, officials. He argues the District Court erred in concluding his state criminal conviction, see State v. Bell, 329 Ark. 422, 948 S.W.2d 557 (1997), was a complete defense to any allegation that defendants lacked probable cause to arrest or detain him on two days in January 1993. Having carefully reviewed the record and the parties' briefs, we conclude the District Court's rulings are proper. See Williams v. Little Rock Mun. Water Works, 21 F.3d 218, 225 (8th Cir. 1994) ("Good reason to deny leave to amend exists if the amendment would be futile."); Malady v. Crunk, 902 F.2d 10, 11 (8th Cir. 1990) (adopting common-law rule that conviction of offense for which arrest is made is complete defense to § 1983 action asserting arrest was made without probable cause).

Accordingly, we affirm. See 8th Cir. R. 47B.

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¹The Honorable Stephen M. Reasoner, United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Arkansas.